

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the kind allowance of claims 1-38. Prosecution as to the merits has been closed.

The specification and drawings have been amended to correct minor errors noted in the Office Action and otherwise. These corrections are of a clerical nature and do not add "new matter".

Objections to Drawings

FIGs. 5 and 6 stand objected to for including reference numbers that are not mentioned in the specification. With this paper, the reference numbers have been revised to bring the figures into agreement with the specification.

FIG. 6 stands objected to for allegedly duplicating the use of reference number 606. With this paper, the figure has been revised to eliminate any confusion.

Objection to Specification

The Abstract stands objected to for exceeding the 150 word length limit. With this paper, the Abstract has been revised to bring it within the guidelines.

The specification stands objected to for containing two typographical errors. With this paper, these errors have been removed by appropriate amendment.


Request for Allowance

In view of the foregoing, issuance of this application is earnestly solicited.

If any matters remain which could be resolved in a telephone interview between the Examiner and the undersigned, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned to expedite resolution of any such matters. Please charge any additional required fee or credit any overpayment not otherwise paid or credited to our deposit account No. 50-1698.

Respectfully submitted,
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